(b) The amount allocated for the Festival is Rs. 4.90 crore.

(c) Three Festivals of India have been held so far.

(d) On the basis of the allocation made to the different Ministries/Departments an expenditure of Rs. 12,51,76,213/- has been incurred upto 31st March, 1986 on these Festivals of India held in U.K., France and U.S.A.

Transfer of 'Education' from Concurrent to State List

176. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the unanimous resolution adopted at the Conference of the Education Minister's of Non-Congress (I) ruled States asking the Centre to amend the Constitution so as to transfer the subject education from the Concurrent list to the State list; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have no proposal at present to revert 'Education' to State List.

Air Fare of Gulf-Trivandrum Route

177. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation recently from residents of Kerala to reduce the air fare on Gulf-Trivandrum route; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHR JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter was taken up at the International Air Transport Association forum. The proposal was, however, not accepted by various member airlines on commercial considerations.

Computerised reservation at Railway Stations

178. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centres in Indian Railway which have been provided with computers for reservation of tickets; and

(b) the number of employees affected due to the introduction of computer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) One on Northern Railway at New Delhi.

(b) No reservation and booking clerks have been rendered surplus. Some typists engaged in manual preparation of reservation charts are likely to be absorbed elsewhere.

Central schemes to reduce drop out in schools

179. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the schemes evolved by the Central Government to reduce the dropout rate in primary and upper primary levels and to raise the standard of education at the school level; and

(b) the amount likely to be allotted to each State for implementation of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The National Policy on Education—1986 resolves that highest priority will be given to solving the problem of children dropping out of schools. A large and systematic programme of non-formal-education will be launched for schools drop-outs and non-attending children.

Apart from new initiatives and strengthening of existing arrangements by the state governments, as primarily they look after school education, the Government of India is contemplating some new initiative including 'Operation Blackboards', strengthening and reorganisation of Non-formal education, Teacher training and develoment of Core Curriculum. Specific schemes have yet to be finalised. Specific allotments to State governments under these schemes would depend on the details of the schemes and therefore cannot be specified yet.

Research projects of ICSSR

180. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research projects undertaken by the Indian Council of Social Science Research during the last three years;

(b) the number of research projects completed during the last three years;

(c) The amount sanctioned and utilised for each project during the same period; and

(d) the details of these projects along with names and academic qualifications of the heads of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The ICSSR does not undertake any research by itself. However, financial assistance was sanctioned for undertaking 258 research projects during the last three years. 223 research projects including those sanctioned in the earlier years were completed during the last three years.

(c) and (d) A statement giving details of the amount sanctioned and released for each of 258 research projects sanctioned during the last three years is attached at Appendix. [*See* Appendix CXL, Annexure No. 86]. The amount released has been given in brackets against each project. The appended statement also gives the topics of the research projects and the names of scholars who were sanctioned financial assistance for the research projects. Most of these scholars are Ph. Ds and in some cases postgraduates, having published articles in academic journals to their credit.

Publication of Railway Time-Table

181. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the languages in addition to English and Hindi in which the Railway Time-Tables are published;

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred on the publication of Railway Time-Table during the last three years; and

(c) what is the total earnings of Railway on this account during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Apart from Hindi and English, some Zonal Railways also publish their time tables in Assamese, Bengali, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odiya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu languages.